

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4249

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 1998

Mr. DEAL of Georgia (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MAKING ESTATE RECOVERY OPTIONAL UNDER**  
4 **STATE MEDICAID PLANS.**

5 Section 1917(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 1396p(b)(1)) is amended by striking “shall seek”  
7 each place it appears and inserting “may seek”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendments made by section 1 shall take effect  
3 as if included in the enactment of section 13612(a) of the  
4 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993.

